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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. U.S. Patent No. US 5,614,943 A dated March 25, 1997 issued to Nakamura et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. US 5,040,068 A dated August 13, 1991 issued to Parulski et al.; and
3. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0984628 A1 published March 8, 2000.

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Further, inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d), a statement is attached.

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